



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Tara ZIOLO et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Jerry Cumberledge  
Title: BONE FIXATION DEVICE  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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